

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [2] with the following:

[2] The present invention relates to a power supply source of a relatively low D.C. voltage to a circuit for controlling a switch or a load supplied by a relatively high voltage. The present invention more specifically relates to the supply of a high-voltage load control circuit upstream of a rectifying bridge, for example, providing a rectified voltage to a power converter of switched-mode power supply type.